COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

<u>L.R. No.</u>: 3836-03

Bill No.: Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed HCS for HB 1115

Subject: Agriculture and Animals; Courts; Liability

<u>Type</u>: Original

<u>Date</u>: May 21, 2004

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	
Total Estimated				
Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0	

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** and the **Missouri Department of Agriculture** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DOH)** assume this proposal would not be expected to fiscally impact the operations of the DOH. The DOH states is a fiscal impact were to result, funds to support the program would be sought through he appropriation process.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2005 (6 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2005 (6 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

A small business that is a manufacturer, packer, distributor, carrier, holder, seller, marketer, retailer, or advertiser of a food may see fewer civil suits for a claim arising out of weight gain, obesity or a health condition associated with weight gain or obesity as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal prohibits civil lawsuits against manufacturers, packers, distributors, carriers, holders, sellers, marketers, retailers, or advertisers of food for any claims arising out of weight gain, obesity, or health conditions associated with weight gain or obesity. Exceptions to this prohibition are provided for certain violations of state and federal law. Rules for pleadings and the procedure for filing a lawsuit pursuant to an exception are specified.

The proposal will become effective on January 1, 2005, and applies to all covered claims pending or filed after that date.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Health and Senior Services Office of State Courts Administrator Missouri Department of Agriculture

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